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SUBJECT: ANCOM COMMON MINIMUM EXTERNAL TARIFF (CMXT)

1. THE CMXT RATES, APPROVED FOR ALL PRODUCTS EXCEPT THOSE RESERVED FOR SECTORAL PROGRAMS OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, WERE TO HAVE BEEN IN PLACE BY JANUARY 1, 1976 FOLLOWING A FIVE YEAR PROGRAM BEGUN ON JANUARY 1, 1972. A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF U.S. EXPORTERS ARE AWARE OF THE IMPENDING CHANGES AND HAVE CONTACTED USDOC FOR CURRENT IMPORT DUTY RATES ON THEIR SPECIFIC PRODUCTS. FROM THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON, IT APPEARS THAT THE SIX MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE NOT FOLLOWING UNIFORM APPLICATION OF THE CMXT REGULATIONS. THE EXAMPLE CITED BELOW WILL ILLUSTRATE THIS POINT

2. BTN 84.49.02.01 CHAINSAWS HAVE NOT BEEN ASSIGNED TO A SECTORAL PROGRAM, NO COUNTRY HAS LISTED AN EXCEPTION, AND THE CMXT TARIFF RATE IS 70 PERCENT ON THE C.I.F. VALUE.

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USDOC TARIFF MANUALS SHOW THE FOLLOWING DUTY RATES IN PERCENT AS OF THIS DATE: BOLIVIA 15; CHILE 70; COLOMBIA

25; ECUADOR 2; PERU 42 PLUS ONE SOL PER GROSS KILOGRAM;
AND VENEZUELA 70 PERCENT.

IN ADDITION THE U.S. COMPANY REPORTS THAT THE VENEZUELAN

IMPORTER WAS GRANTED PERMISSION BY THE GOV TO IMPORT CHAIN
SAWS AT THE DUTY RATE IN EFFECT PRIOR TO THE CMXT, PRE-
SUMABLY SINCE THERE WAS NO ANCOM PRODUCTION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD REVIEW HOST
COUNTRY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CMXT AND ADVISE AS TO
EXPECTED ACTION AND EFFECTIVE DATES FOR THESE NEW RATES.
PLEASE ALSO CHECK THE EXAMPLE CITED ABOVE AND ADVISE
WHETHER DUTY RATES LISTED ARE IN FACT THOSE CHARGED.
THIS, OF COURSE, WOULD NOT APPLY IF HOST COUNTRY HAS
ACTIVATED CMXT WHICH APPEARS TO BE CASE IN VENEZUELA AND
CHILE.

4. FOR LA PAZ AND QUITO: BOLIVIA AND ECUADOR ARE
GENERALLY EXEMPTED FROM APPLYING THE CMXT BUT CAN BE RE-
QUIRED TO APPLY CMXT RATES FOR PRODUCTS OF IMPORTANCE TO
THE REMAINING MEMBER COUNTRIES. HAS EITHER COUNTRY BEEN
REQUIRED TO APPLY CMXT ON SELECTED PRODUCTS.

5. FOR LIMA: ADVISE WHETHER ANCOM SECRETARIAT IS ATTEMPT-
ING TO BRING ABOUT GREATER CMXT UNIFORMITY OR WHETHER SAMPLE
DISCREPANCY LISTED ABOVE IS DE FACTO RECOGNITION THAT
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS ARE NOT APPLYING IMPORT DUTIES ACCORDING
TO PRESCRIBED REGULATIONS.

6. WE KNOW OF NO PROVISION WHICH WOULD ALLOW INDIVIDUAL
COUNTRY TO REDUCE CMXT IMPORT DUTY TO PRE CMXT LEVELS AS
CITED IN EXAMPLE PARA 2. ADVISE IF SUCH A REGULATION
EXISTS.

7. LIMA 0147 STATES DEADLINE FOR AGREEMENT NEW COMMON
EXTERNAL TARIFF (CMXT) LIES WELL INTO FUTURE. USDOC
UNDERSTOOD PROPOSED CMXT DUE FOR APPROVAL BY END 1975 AND
THAT MEMBERS WOULD ADJUST RATES BETWEEN 1976 AND 1980.
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DOES RECENT ACTION INDICATE COMMISSION NEED NOT AGREE
TO CMXT PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 1975, WHICH WE ASSUME IS
DATE FIRST TARIFF ADJUSTMENT WOULD TAKE PLACE. KISSINGER

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